## APPROVAL OF COST SHARE APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS AND REQUESTS FOR PAYMENTS

This policy specifies the process for approving cost share applications, contracts and requests for payments.

## **Applications and contracts**

- Applications and contracts must be approved during an official board meeting. <u>Signature authority cannot be delegated for approving applications and contracts outside of an official board meeting</u>. For this reason, the information provided below only applies to approving and processing requests for payment and does not apply to approval of applications/contracts.
- 2. Applications and contracts must be approved as separate action items as required by 02 NCAC 59D .0108.

## Requests for payment

- 1. Requests for payment (RFPs) must be complete, including proper job approval authority signature or letter, prior to approval.
- 2. RFPs should be considered and approved at board meetings.
- 3. Boards may delegate signature authority on RFPs to a person, not a position. This delegation shall be recorded in board minutes and include the name of the person and the delegated authority. The authority remains with the person until rescinded.
- 4. The commission recommends delegating signature authority only to supervisors.
- 5. Although the board retains the ultimate authority for decisions, boards can delegate signature authority to a primary delegate and an alternate delegate. If the primary or the alternate is unavailable, RFPs will go back to the board.
- 6. If the RFP benefits the primary or alternate delegate, that delegate cannot approve the RFP. The other delegate or the board can approve the RFP.
- 7. RFPs approved outside of a board meeting must be presented and recorded at the next board meeting as an information item.